Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A network appliance comprising:

a wireless interface to receive wireless signals carrying network configuration data for ~~containing~~ the network ~~appliance's configuration information~~ appliance; and

circuitry coupled with the wireless interface to receive the configuration data and to configure a network interface to provide network access ~~receive network information~~ according to the network configuration data received via the wireless interface.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the network appliance further comprises a rack-mounted appliance.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the configuration data ~~information~~ further comprises an Internet Protocol address.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the wireless signals are generated by a personal digital assistant (PDA).

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the wireless signals further comprise infrared signals.

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the wireless interface further comprises an infrared interface.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the network appliance further comprises a wireless interface cover.

8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus in claim 1, wherein the network appliance further comprises a liquid crystal display (LCD) to display the configuration data received via the wireless interface.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the wireless signals further comprise radio frequency signals.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the wireless interface further comprises a radio frequency interface.

11. (Original) The apparatus in claim 1, wherein the network appliance further comprises a radio frequency transmitter.

12. (Currently Amended) A method for converting wireless signals to machine-accessible information for configuring a network appliance, comprising:

receiving wireless signals containing configuration information ~~from a wireless device~~ via a first interface;

decoding the wireless signals;

~~sending the decoded signals to the network appliance's microprocessor;~~

converting the decoded signals to machine-accessible configuration information; and

~~storing the configuration information in the network appliance's memory~~ configuring a second network interface to operate based on the configuration information.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the network appliance further comprises a device capable of receiving and decoding an infrared signal.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the network appliance further comprises a device capable of receiving and decoding a radio frequency signal.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the wireless device further comprises a device capable of generating, coding and transmitting an infrared signal.

16. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the wireless device further comprises a device capable of generating, coding and transmitting a radio frequency signal.

17. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the wireless signals further comprise infrared signals.

18. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the wireless signals further comprise radio frequency signals.

19. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the configuration information further comprises an Internet Protocol address.

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